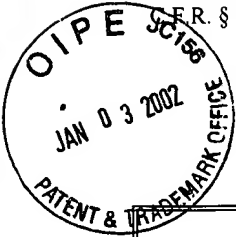


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Serial No. 09/932,745	Filing Date August 17, 2001	Examiner	Group Art Unit 1711
Applicant:	Hoekstra		
Invention:	CONTINUOUS WEB OF BREATHES POUCHES AND AUTOMATED METHOD OF PACKAGING MEDICAL DEVICES UTILIZING SUCH POUCHES		

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Amendment

- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment to the application.
- ☒ A check covering the excess claims fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d) in the amount of \$276 as calculated below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest # Prev. Paid For.	No. Extra Claims Present	Rate	Add'l Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	49 -	37 =	12	x 9.00	\$108.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	4 =	4	x 42.00	\$168.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$276.00

Small Entity Status

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

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- ☒ A self-addressed return postcard in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 503 itemizing all of the above-referenced documents filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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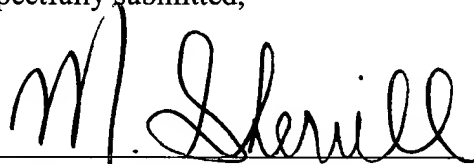
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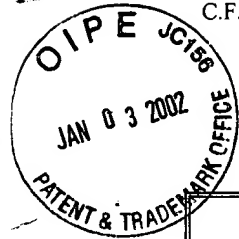
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Please amend the application as set forth below.

CLAIMS

Add newclaims 38-49 as follows:

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38. (New) An article of commerce comprising:

- (a) a longitudinally continuous web having a longitudinal down-web direction, a lateral cross-web direction, and lateral sides, with:
- (b) superimposed first and second layers sealingly engaged along the lateral sides, wherein both the first and second layers are effective for preventing passage of microbes through the layer and at least the first layer is effective for permitting the passage of a sterilization gas,

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